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DC POSTAL EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING POSTAGE STAMPS

WASHINGTON - Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced that Reginald Mallett, 51, of Clinton, Maryland, today pleaded guilty to misappropriation of postal funds in connection with his theft of thousands of dollars worth of stamps from the Washington Square Post Office in Washington, D.C. When he is sentenced by U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on December 17, 2009, Mallett faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

At the plea hearing, the United States and Mallett stipulated that Mallett was an employee of the U.S. Postal Service who had access to secure locations, including safes where stamps and other valuable materials belonging to the United States were stored. Mallett was not authorized to remove stamps from the safes where they were stored. However, on approximately 100 occasions beginning on or about February 11, 2008, and continuing until on or about September 11, 2008, he was recorded on surveillance video entering secure safes where stamps and other postal funds or properties were kept. Beginning in or about March 2007, and continuing until on or about September 11, 2008, Mallett took a large number of uncanceled stamps from these safes, with an estimated total value of \$58,518.97.

In announcing today's guilty plea, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips praised the efforts of Special Agent Allan Williams of the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. He also praised the efforts of paralegal specialist Mary Treanor as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven J. Durham and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Springsteen, who prosecuted the case.

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